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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR: Secretariat, Economic Intelligence Committee

FROM: Secretary, EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture Annual
Report for FY 1965

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's
Field of Competence

None.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. The Subcommittee has not prepared any Collection Deficiency statements in FY 65.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

a. Review of substantive papers has been on an informal basis during FY 65.

b. "Prospects for Soviet Agriculture in 1970" prepared by CIA with contributions from USDA; reviewed by State and USDA.

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

None.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

In most cases there has been substantial agreement on agricultural production statistics of Communist countries. A proposal made by CIA to "iron out" minor differences between CIA and USDA production statistics for the USSR was not acceptable to USDA.

6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed to the EIC

None.

7. Intelligence Research Techniques

There was no discussion of research techniques by the Subcommittee during FY 65.

8. Special Coordination Functions of the Subcommittee

Specialists from the Department of State, Department of Agriculture and CIA have regularly discussed the effects of weather on crop production in the Communist countries. ✓

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

In spite of the lack of activity on a formal basis, close and frequent interagency collaboration on an informal basis on matters of mutual interest has proved to be highly effective. ✓

B. Future Program of the Committee

No changes in the functioning of the ASC are contemplated for FY 66. The Subcommittee should continue to identify gaps in research and collection, approve external research projects, serve as a coordinating body for all agencies and departments having responsibilities in food and agriculture, and serve as a clearing house for information and data on western countries which could be useful in appraising developments in Communist countries. The Subcommittee should be alert and discuss significant developments and activities in the field of food and agriculture throughout the world.

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